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## OREGON STATE NEWS

### THE LATEST WORD FROM ALL SECTIONS OF OREGON

L. G. Freeman of Tillamook says he has a farm near Corvallis and is complaining on account of the free trade policy of the Democratic Party. His 200-acre farm, although bottom land, was not very profitable last year. He sent 50 boxes of choice apples to the cannery, which cost him 37c. to pick, wrap and box, for which he received 5c. per box, consequently he lost the apples and was out 32c. a box as well. He says if it wasn't for his Tillamook farm he does not know what he would have done.

Use of tobacco by minors is placed under the ban at Toledo by an ordinance presented to the Council at its last meeting. Upon conviction of violation a fine of \$1 to \$10 may be imposed or imprisonment of two days for each offense.

Provision also is made against the sale of tobacco in any shape to minors, and a penalty of \$10 to \$50 fine is provided for violations.

Roy Rozelle, United States engineer in Coos Bay, started the planting of 35 acres of sea grass Monday on the north sand spit.

Mr. Rozelle is also expecting to plant bull pine and willows in the sand country.

Twenty indictments were returned Saturday at Pendleton by the grand jury after passing the greater part of the week in investigating the alleged charges of gambling, bootlegging and immoral practices under police protection.

Dolph Lewis, a timber-faller for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, in the woods beyond Wendling, was instantly killed Saturday, when a tree fell upon him. He leaves a wife and two small children.

The fish and game commission has selected E. S. Cattron as secretary of the department for the ensuing year. The fish commissioner has decided to remove his office from Salem to Portland.

The Harrisburg city council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the carrying of liquor through the streets in other than the original packages in which it is received from the shipper.

Fifty-five thousand, one hundred and forty-nine dollars and eleven cents were paid the County Treasurer, by the Southern Pacific railroad company in Linn County.

A Mothers' Club has been formed in Albany by 25 prominent local women and will work to improve and protect the conditions of the home.

## AFFECT 15,000 WORKERS

U. S. Express Company Will Discharge a Large Number of Men When They Dissolve. \$6,000,000 a Year in Salaries Affected.

The passing of the United States Express Company, which its directors voted Friday to dissolve, will throw 15,000 persons out of employment, about 2,000 of whom work in the New York and Jersey City offices of the concern. These employees received in salary and wages approximately \$6,000,000 a year. Many of them, especially those in the larger offices, have grown old in the service of the company, and it was said today that few of them were able financially to retire from employment of some sort.

Timber Interest, Taxes \$10,500.

C. L. Starr came up from Portland Friday and tendered County Treasurer Staats a check in the amount of \$10,500, in payment of taxes for the Cobbs-Mitchell timber interests, whom Mr. Starr represents. This is the largest amount paid into the treasury by any Polk County taxpayer for this year up to that date.

The Cobbs-Mitchell firm are not only heavy taxpayers, but by building their railroad into the Siletz country, are opening up one of the richest sections of Polk County.

## ANOTHER POOL LAW

The Oregon Messenger says:—Our lawmakers at the last session of the Legislature were so hard up for something to do that they found it necessary, in order to keep busy, to change the tax laws of the State, repealing the old system carrying the rebate feature and enacting a new one without any rebate but an increased penalty for failure to pay taxes by March 1st.

It begins to look as if this question will never be settled right, for those whose duty it has been for years past to get up a satisfactory law have so far failed to get up anything to meet the requirements. Some day we may be fortunate enough to get a man at the head of affairs in Oregon who will be able to help the people out of this awful tax muddle.

Of course all candidates are long on promises of reform along this and every other line.

## City Council Meets.

Last night the city council met and transacted the following business. The resolution was read in regard voting bonds to the amount of \$7,500 for electric tanks, all councilmen voting for the same.

The next was a resolution voting bonds to the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of a fair ground site. The following councilmen voted aye. Dr. Mark Hayter, August P. Risser, H. Lee Fenton, W. L. Barber. The following voted No:—Henry Gohrke, J. E. Sibley and J. J. McBe. The bids for the street improvement bond for the amount of \$1,062.52 was opened and only one bid was received and the Dallas City Bank was the only bidder and the same was sold to the bidder to draw interest at 6 per cent and the accrued interest. An election will soon be called to vote on the bond proposition.

## INT'L REVENUE HELPS

A Great Increase in the Tobacco and Fermented Liquor During the Past Six Months.

While customs receipts have fallen off under the new tariff the internal revenue bureau is coming to the rescue with increased collections from indirect taxes. The total collected by the bureau from July 1, 1913, to January 31, 1914, was \$191,792,279, an increase of \$2,636,329 over the corresponding period for the previous year.

The tax on tobacco brought in \$47,680,435, an increase of \$2,371,238, and fermented liquors, \$40,276,380, an increase of \$1,412,306. Distilled spirits, including whiskey, however, brought in only \$98,940,304, a decrease of \$1,409,719.



## Our Kansas Friends.

The following have registered who formerly lived in Kansas, and now reside in Polk Co. There are plenty of Jayhawkers in Polk County, so get busy and send in your names and also the names of all you know who were former Kansans. We will have the list soon of several counties who have Kansas Clubs and then you can see who they are and maybe they are old neighbors. We will have a reunion this fall and form some organization and that will help bring others to Polk County.

Those registered this past week are L. G. Miller, McPherson County, F. J. Woelk, Barton County, G. G. Burham, Marion County, M. A. Vandenberg, Valley Falls, W. N. Ash, Clay Center, Sam Wilson, Emporia.

Marsh Mervin of Lawrence, was there at the time of the Quantrel raid. Mrs. Cornelious, Concordia, D. C. Walke, Ness County, L. H. Atwater, Fort Scott, Mrs. J. B. Teal, Erie, Gerald Volk, Wichita and Topeka.

Edward Miller, Reno County.

## Will Come to Dallas.

Mr. Chas. A. Wilson of Salem will soon move to Dallas and enter the law offices of Oscar Hayter. The Salem Journal says:—

Mr. Wilson will enter the law office of Oscar Hayter, the Dallas lawyer, and will move to the Polk County seat within a short time. He has been a clerk in the state insurance department, and has many friends in this city who will regret to learn of his intention to leave.



Oh, send me some shamrocks from that distant isle  
On which Erin's patron and saint still doth smile!  
Oh, how I will treasure and fondly lay  
Them near to my heart on St. Patrick's day!

## THE Ancient Language of Ireland

By PATRICK O'SHEA

BEFORE the Saxons and other Teuton tribes had effected a permanent settlement in England the ancestors of the Irish nation were enjoying the blessings of a Christian civilization. A few centuries before the English language, even in the crudest form, was spoken, Gaelic had blossomed into poetry and eloquence.

Gaelic is admitted by philologists to bear a closer resemblance to the original language of the race than any of the other Celtic dialects. That it has remained unchanged in some respects during more than 2,000 years is evident from the fact, among others, that place names extending from the strait of Dardanelles to the western coast of Europe mean in Gaelic today what they meant to the ancient Celts.

It is now generally admitted among linguists that the Celtic languages stand in a much closer relationship to Latin than any other group. The features that differentiate the Brythonic dialects, comprising Welsh, Breton and Cornish, from the Gaelic dialects, Irish, Scottish, Gaelic and Manx, are supposed to have first appeared after the Romans had left Britain in the year 410. At the beginning of the Christian era the differences between the two groups were probably but slight. Of the Gaelic dialects, to old Irish must be assigned the priority, as both Scottish Gaelic and Manx can be traced back to that original source.

Even now the differences between the Gaelic spoken by the Irish and the Scottish Gaelic are scarcely greater than those local variations which distinguish the language as spoken in Munster, Connaught and Ulster.

There has been a continuous Gaelic literature from the seventh century, nearly all of it produced in Ireland, though some manuscripts written in that language by Irish missionaries and scholars during that and succeeding centuries are to be found in various European libraries. It was the language which St. Patrick used with such surprising and beneficent effect in converting the ancient Irish from druidism to Christianity. Gaelic was probably a familiar speech to him, even previous to his capture and enslavement in Ireland. That St. Patrick was a thorough master of the language might be inferred from the surprising result of his apostolic labors.

The Gaelic of St. Patrick's time was not the rude, uncultured speech of savages, but a highly developed exponent of thought and feeling, capable of expressing abstract notions as well as ideas limited to the daily exigencies of life. The literary and intellectual activity displayed in Ireland, in a period not long removed from the days of St. Patrick, seems to be only explicable upon the assumption that men-

## HERE'S YOUR GOOD ROAD

A Kansas Man Would Make Tobacco Users Foot the Bill.

To pave 30,000 miles of national highway at an average cost of \$10,000 a mile with tobacco, was the unique plan outlined by Frank S. Davis of the Old Trails association at the Kansas state good roads meeting held a short time ago at Newton, Kansas.

Mr. Davis proved by figures that his plan will raise the necessary funds for his entire system, which contemplates a road each way across every state in the union, touching every state capital and every city of more than 20,000 inhabitants, inside of five years by a tax on tobacco that will never be noticed by any tobacco user.

More than 150 delegates from all over Kansas attended the meeting.

## Christian Endeavors at Falls City.

Eighteen representatives of the Salem City Christian Endeavor union spent Sunday in Falls City where an excellent program of speaking and singing was given. The program rendered was as follows:—Vocal solo by Miss Grace Smith, a talk by Lloyd Holdiman on the "Social Life of Young People," a number by the First Methodist quartet, a talk by Harold Eakin on the subject of "Mission Study," a vocal solo by Miss Marie Bolinger, a talk on "Definite Missionary Work" by Miss Ethel Jones, a duet, "O Love Divine," by the Misses Grace and Elva Smith; a talk by Miss Grace Smith on "Christian Citizenship," a tenor solo by Alfred A. Schramm, a talk by Miss Cox, an instructor in the Salem High School, on the subject of "Sunday Evening Devotional Meetings," a number by the quartet.

## Base Ball Meeting Held.

A number of fans and others interested met a few days ago and made the first start towards a base ball team for this season. Jake Sibley was elected manager and Clarence Shultz treasurer. The old ball grounds were secured and work is now being done towards putting it in condition. Players will be notified when to meet for practice. A committee was appointed to solicit funds and are now busy getting donations.

A base ball team is a good advertisement for any town and it takes money to start right, so the boys should be given liberal support.

## Thayer-Kayler.

H. E. Thayer, reporter for the Observer was married Sunday noon to Miss Vera Kayler, at the home of the bride's mother in Portland. The ring ceremony was used by Rev. Cash, who received the couple beneath a beautifully decorated dome of white and pink carnations interwoven with ferns. After a bounteous wedding dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Thayer left for Dallas and will reside 2 miles south-east of here, where they will make their future home. They are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

## Sunday Morning's Fire.

The fire early Sunday morning caused considerable excitement to those who first saw the blaze. It was the shooting gallery adjoining Crider's store and from a distance it looked like it was in the court house block. The fire boys did good work and in a short time the flames were out and a sigh of relief went up by those who expected the fire to spread. It was a narrow escape from a serious fire, as the livery stables across the street and other frame buildings were adjoining on the north.

## Methodist Church.

Superintendent Billy Miller has something "up his sleeve" every Sunday for the Sunday school. The secretary reported the largest attendance this year.

The pastor in the morning sermon outlined the triumph of the church in the passing of the old idolatries, slavery, polygamy, the saloon and opium traffic, together with the growth of democracy, arbitration, and peace sentiment.

In the evening sermon he lambasted the deadbeat in social, business, political and religious life as the meanest man on earth.

## The First Gun Fired Politically.

Mr. Chas. A. Johns opened the political battle in Dallas last Saturday night by delivering his first appeal to the voters of Polk County for their support, to give him the nomination for the office of governor on the Republican ticket. Mr. Johns did not say much in reference to politics, but stated what he would do if nominated and elected. He read the printed statistics showing what a vast amount of money was spent to keep alive the numerous boards that are created as political sap, to the hungry hoards of office seekers and hangers on. He said that two thirds of them would be done away with if they would elect him. He was given the closest attention and many of his hearers after the meeting congratulated him on the stand he took for reduction of taxes. The Dallas band before and during the meeting enlivened the evening by their excellent music.

## You Must Register.

We want to urge the voters to register as soon as possible. The petitions for nomination to the various offices are now being circulated. These petitions have to be signed and filed to enable candidates to get their names on the ballot and people should not regard them as mere nuisances, even if requested to sign half a dozen a day. The time for the primaries is fast approaching. Take a little interest in the matter and have your name on the poll book.

## Entitled to Share of Taxes.

In an opinion handed down by the attorney general Friday, W. H. Singler, sheriff of Jackson County, was informed that cities, school districts and other tax receiving districts of a similar nature were entitled to their just share of the interest on delinquent taxes and could bring suit against the county and secure it. It is the custom for the counties to keep the interest on delinquent taxes.

## Polk County Scales Report.

Mr. A. V. R. Snyder, County Sealer of weights and measures has made a report to the County Commissioners for the month of December, January and February. He visited 13 towns in this county, inspected 205 scales, found 185 correct and condemned 6, tested 372 weights and condemned 2, tested 22 pumps, corrected 16, inspected 38 linear measures and corrected 2, tested 46 liquid measures and found them O. K.

## Will Attend War Lectures.

Captain Conrad Stafrin and 2nd Lieutenant Fred W. Zeller of the Dallas O. N. G., will leave tomorrow for Portland to attend a lecture given by Col. Morrison of the U. S. Infantry, a prominent teacher in the War College. These lectures are instructive and the O. N. G. officers will all attend.

## Monmouth Grange Grows.

At a meeting of the Monmouth Grange in the Postoffice block Saturday, more than 30 new members were received into the organization. Since the Grange was organized there last year the membership has grown steadily and despite the busy season of the year the attendance at the meetings is large.

## OBITUARIES

### Bennett.

Olive May Bennett died March 11th at the age of 44 years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hickson of Salem at the Chapman chapel, March 13th. Interment was made in the Oddfellows Cemetery.

### Friesen.

Marie Friesen, wife of Frank Friesen died Friday, March 13th. The services were conducted by Rev. Voht and Rev. Klassen at the Mennonite Church on Salt Creek. Interment at the Salt Creek Cemetery. She leaves besides her husband, two daughters and a son to mourn her departure.

### Guthrie.

David M. Guthrie died Sunday at the age of 80 years. Funeral services will be conducted at the Chapman chapel, Wednesday afternoon. He was a pioneer and at one time owned several thousand acres of land in Polk County.

Mrs. Al Longnecker received word yesterday from Danville, Ill., of the death of her nephew Mr. James Hodson, who visited Dallas about 8 years ago and made many friends while here.

## POLK COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

### Schools Standardized

Montgomery, March 10th, teacher, Miss Flora Grice; Board, R. A. Hastings, James Atwater and J. D. Embree; Clerk, C. S. Calkins.

Polk Station, March 4th, teacher, Miss Norma Holman; Board, Mrs. Emma Dunn, P. F. Friesen and C. B. Teats; Clerk, T. A. Dunn.

Fair View, March 4th, teacher, Miss Mary Tapscott; Board, Peter Nelson, Kirk Serafford and A. Aebi; Clerk, E. E. Hildibrand.

Valley Junction, March 11th, teacher, Miss Eva Schneider; Board, Joel Flannery, T. J. Werth and E. J. Hartman; Clerk, Alfred Werth.

Butler, March 11th, teacher, Miss Lilly Hagman; Board, J. H. Peterson, James Wooden and J. J. Hagman; Clerk, A. G. Tharp.

Monmouth Public School, March 11th, teachers, T. H. Gentle, Miss Alice McIntosh, Miss Katherine Arbuthnot, Miss Grace Davis, Miss Olive Dawson; Board, W. A. Wood, O. A. Wolverton and Ira C. Powell; Clerk, A. J. Haley.

### Principals' Club Holds Meeting.

The Principals' Club held a meeting at Monmouth Saturday evening in the High School building. Interesting and instructive subjects were discussed and a pleasant evening enjoyed, the following were present:—J. H. Ackerman, E. S. Evenden, T. H. Gentle and E. L. Kezel, of Monmouth; C. F. Waltman and D. Chesley Bones, of Independence; R. G. Dykstra, Buena Vista; R. E. Sylvan, Ballston; F. Silsbee, Valley View; W. A. Johnston, Bethel; E. M. Haley, Airdie; H. E. Barnhardt, Falls City; W. I. Ford, H. H. Dunkelberger, Dallas.

### School Rallies.

School Rallies were held as follows: Greenwood, Friday, March 13th, with fair attendance and good interest. L. V. Macken and H. C. Seymour were present.

Brush College, Saturday, March 14th with the largest attendance ever held in that part of the county. H. C. Seymour presided and reports excellent interest.

Polk Station, Saturday, March 14th, L. V. Macken presided with good attendance.

### Parents'-Teachers' Meetings.

The Parents'-Teachers' meeting at Popcorn Friday evening was well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all present. L. V. Macken presided.

The Parents'-Teachers' meeting at Pioneer Thursday was attended by L. V. Macken and F. L. Griffen of O. A. C., who gave a talk on farming and industrial work which was enjoyed by a large attendance.

### School Entertainment.

The West Salem School gave an entertainment Friday evening in the form of an operetta, which was enjoyed by all of the large audience. H. C. Seymour was present and delivered their Standardization papers.

### K. P. Visitor Pleased.

A representative delegation of local Knights of Pythias were at Dallas Monday evening as guests of the lodge at that place. The fraternal visit was enjoyable and the Dallas lodge proved itself a royal host to the visiting brothers.—McMinnville News Reporter.

### Postoffice Savings Bank.

Editor Fiske besides being Postmaster is also a banker as the postal department of Dallas now has \$4,427.25 on deposit, placed there by the general public who make Uncle Sam their banker.

### Lodge Notice.

Jennings Lodge No. 9 A. F. & A. M. A special communication will be held on Wednesday, March 18th. Work in the F. C. All members requested to be present. Visitors welcome. By order of the W. M. Walter S. Mair, Secretary.

### A Large Field of Feed.

J. T. Alsip was in Dallas Saturday and got 2000 pounds of Canadian field peas, to sow on Charlie Rhudy's place, just north of town. This will make the largest patch of peas ever known in this part of Polk County about 24 acres.